IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of

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Takayuki SUGAHARA

Docket No.: 041-1790E

Group Art Unit: 2613

Serial No. 09/469,499

filed: 22 December 1999

: Examiner: LEE, Y YOUNG

For:

REPRODUCTION APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING USER MODIFIABLE PROTECTION OF DATA REPRODUCTION (as

amended)

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 6, 2003, enclosed herewith is a petition for three month extension of time to respond thereto as well as a corrected section of the non-compliant amendment as required.

The entire Amendment to the Claims section, as corrected, begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks relevant to the present response begin at page 14 of this paper.